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The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) Office of Youth Services/Office of Youth Opportunities (OYO) brings you the Youth Opportunity Grant (YOG) Technical Assistance Update. On a bi-weekly basis, the update will provide important announcements and information for YOG sites, partners, and coaches.

Please let us know if these updates are useful to you and how it might be improved to better serve your needs. If you have information or items to contribute, or topics that you would like see covered, please contact Susan Rosenblum, Office of Youth Opportunities, at [srosenblum@doleta.gov](mailto:srosenblum@doleta.gov) or (202) 693-3597.

***Program Spotlight – TAMPA YO! Career Cruiser*** (NOTE: The following article was submitted by Mark Dufva, Project Director of YO! Tampa. For more information please contact Mark via e-mail at [mdufva@tampaymca.org](mailto:mdufva@tampaymca.org))

The Youth Opportunity (YO) Movement of Tampa, Florida will welcome a new member to its team this year. A 40-foot, fully equipped and staffed mobile career lab, appropriately named The ***Career Cruiser***, has begun its visits to middle schools and YO sites and centers. The ***Career Cruiser*** is a lab that provides Tampa's YO participants the opportunity to experience an up-to-date, hands-on work simulation. The young people who participate in the activities on the ***Career Cruiser*** will be introduced to skills that are directly linked to industry jobs available in the Tampa Bay area. Because these youngsters are researching different career choices and developing real life skills, they will be using problem-solving and academic knowledge, thus providing that all-important connection between school and work. You can read more about this project on the OYS home page ([http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/)). See "Program Spotlight"

***Ten Outstanding Youth Programs Named for PEPNet 2001 Recognition:*** The National Youth Employment Coalition is pleased to announce that ten youth employment/development programs from around the country have been selected for PEPNet recognition for their exemplary work with young people. <http://www.nyec.org/pepnet/awardees01.htm>

***Money Smart Financial Education Effort:*** The FDIC and the U.S. Department of Labor have announced a joint initiative called Money Smart (MS) to help banks and One-Stop Career Centers deliver financial education in their communities. The MS is a program designed to help adults and older youth with little or no experience with mainstream financial institutions enhance their money management skills and create positive banking relationships. The MS program is a set of 10 instructor-led modules covering basic financial topics. Instructors may be representatives from local banks and staff from a local One-Stop Center. The subject matter begins with a description of deposit and credit services offered by banks and moves progressively to topics such as: choosing and maintaining a checking account, the mechanics of budgeting, the importance of saving, and how to obtain and use credit effectively.

Each module includes a comprehensive guide for instructors and a take-home booklet containing highlights and resource material for class participants. The instructor guides have everything necessary to begin teaching the program right away - easy to follow cues and scripts, overheads, and interactive class exercises. Each module takes about 60 minutes of classroom time to deliver. The MS curriculum is free of charge and can be ordered from the FDIC at [www.fdic.gov](http://www.fdic.gov) or through a link on the WtW Internet Website at [wtw.doleta.gov](http://wtw.doleta.gov). The modules are easily reproduced and have no copyright restrictions.

***Southern and Delta Regional Rural Conference – “Preparing Leaders to Succeed: Reaching Higher Ground”:*** Local, regional, and state rural workforce and economic development leaders from the Southern and Delta Region will convene in Louisville, Kentucky from September 17 - 18, 2001 to receive information regarding the tools, resources and strategies available to successfully plan and manage workforce and economic development in their communities. For more information visit <http://www.doleta.gov>

***National Service Learning Conference:*** The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual National Service Learning Conference will be held at the Seattle Convention Center in Seattle, WA March 20-23, 2002. This annual conference, sponsored in part by the National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC), convenes approximately 3,000 service-learning and youth development practitioners from across the nation. Nearly one-third of the conference participants are youth. This year's theme is "Reflecting on the Past, Envisioning the Future." You will learn how to create healthy service learning communities, incorporate service learning into your curriculum and share your ideas with others. There are a variety of ways you can participate. Applications are available on the NYLC web site at: <http://www.nylc.org/conference2002/>

## ***PUBLICATIONS***

***Teen Voices*** is an interactive print and online magazine written by, for, and about teenage and young adult women ages 13 to 19. Regular features include family, health, arts and culture (music, web, film, and book reviews), an advice column, and creative writing. Features include going to college, careers, body image, violence, diversity, and relationships. Hotlines and resources (books and films) supplement

each feature. *Teen Voices* is published quarterly by Women Express, Inc., a non-profit organization whose mission is to further social and economic justice by empowering teenage girls and young women. A one-year subscription costs \$19.95. For more information or to subscribe call 888-882-TEEN, visit [www.teenvoices.com](http://www.teenvoices.com), email [womenexp@teenvoices.com](mailto:womenexp@teenvoices.com), or write to *Teen Voices*, PO Box 120-027, Boston, MA, 02111

***PEPNet: Connecting Juvenile Offenders to Education and Employment.*** The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention of the U.S. Department of Justice, issued a Fact Sheet titled PEPNet: Connecting Juvenile Offenders to Education and Employment. The fact sheet includes short profiles of the CASES' Career Exploration Project, the Crispus Attucks YouthBuild Program, the Living Classroom Foundation's Fresh Start Program, the Gulf Coast Trades Center, and the Texas Youth Commission's RIO-Y program. To view or download the fact sheet, please link to <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/fact.html#fs200129>.

***Reconnecting Youth and Community: A Youth Development Approach*** provides an overview of youth development and offers strategies for implementing a youth development approach at the Local level. It is one of many publications available from the National Clearinghouse on Families and Youth (NCFY), funded by the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services. **Contact:** 301-608-8098 or check the Web site at <http://www.ncfy.com/>.

## ***FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES***

### ***National Book Scholarship Fund (NBSF):***

Laubach Literacy International (<http://www.laubach.org/>),

Grants available to help organizations expand or start reading programs by distributing New readers Press books and educational materials to qualified adult literacy providers in the U.S. NBSF grants are also awarded to English as a Second Language and adult basic education initiatives.

**For more information or to apply:** visit the NBSF Web site.: <http://www.nbsf.org/> (Grant application is available online from September 4 – November 30, 2001.)

**Application deadline:** December 6, 2001

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### ***Source Youth Foundation***

Youth Development and Research Fund, Inc. (<http://www.teamyouth.com/>).

Year-long grants of \$5,000 to \$50,000 to nonprofit organizations serving urban youth in the areas of education, sports, recreation, economic development, and arts and entertainment. The foundation will also provide non-financial assistance such as the support of hip-hop artists and event sponsorship.

**For more information** visit their website at: <http://www.teamyouth.com/grantguidelines.htm>

**Application Deadline:** September 30, 2001

## ***IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER***

**September 5 - 7:** Challenge 2001: Disabled Sports Employment Conference at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, DC. For more information <http://www.dsusa.org/empconf-info.htm>

**September 14:** Nominations due for the Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults With Disabilities (PRFEAD) Youth Advisory Committee. For more information, contact Christina Lo, Office of Youth Opportunities, (202) 693-3599 or e-mail: [clo@doleta.gov](mailto:clo@doleta.gov).

**September 13 - 14:** The PEPNet 2001 Institute Doubletree Crystal City, Arlington, VA. The annual Promising and Effective Practices Network (PEPNet) Institute is a unique, interactive conference that connects professionals to what works in youth employment programming. The highly acclaimed Institute has sold out early every year-so register now! **WORKSHOP INFORMATION IS NOW AVAILABLE AT** <http://www.nyec.org/pepnet/instituteworkshops01.htm>

For more information, visit [www.nyec.org/pepnet\\_institute](http://www.nyec.org/pepnet_institute). See the flyer in PDF format at [www.nyec.org/Institute01.pdf](http://www.nyec.org/Institute01.pdf) or contact NYEC at (202) 659-1064. (E-mail: [nyec@nyec.org](mailto:nyec@nyec.org).)

**September 17 - 18, 2001:** Southern and Delta Regional Rural Conference Louisville, Kentucky <http://www.doleta.gov>.

**September 19 - 22, 2001:** Fifth Annual Biennial Conference on Your City's Families in Minneapolis, MN sponsored by the Institute for Youth, Education and Families of the National League of Cities. For more information go to their web site at <http://www.nlc.org> or call 202/626-3000

**September 20:** Teleconference: Myths, Facts and Illicit Drugs: What You Should Know; the 4<sup>th</sup> in a four-part series is on marijuana. All viewing sites must register in advance to receive the necessary satellite coordinates. Sites may register through the Internet by logging on to: <http://www.dlnets.com/cd/htm> or calling 887-820-0305.

**October 1, 2001:** Deadline to apply for Youth Offender Initiative: Reentry Grant and Demonstration Grant Programs. For more information, go to the DOL ETA web site: <http://wdsc.doleta.gov/sga/sga.asp>.

**October 18 - 21, 2001:** Film workshop for YO! grantees in Philadelphia, PA. E-mail [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov) for more information.

**October 24, 2001:** National Disability Mentoring Day, a cooperative effort between the Department of Labor, the Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities and the AAPD

**October 28 - November 2 in Leesburg, Va:** Youth Opportunity Grants Leadership Institute

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